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### TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

#### THE GREAT STRIKE STILL EXPANDING AND PROGRESSING.

The Situation at Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Joseph—The Belt Line Tied Up—Other Roads Joining—General Terry Very Sick and to Retire—Wholesale Killing at Leavenworth—Several Negroes Killed—Murder and Suicide—Phelps' Mansion Burned—Reported Lynching of Indians in Montana—Pearl Page to be Pardoned.

[Owing to the wires having been prostrated Saturday, and not yet duly repaired, our telegraphic report to-day is meager.—ED. EAST OREGONIAN.]

#### THE GREAT STRIKE.

##### Still Spreading—The Situation Becoming Very Serious—The Belt Line Tied up—All The Latest Particulars.

CHICAGO, April 1.—The prospect of an immediate tie-up on several railroads has added a more grave aspect to the railroad situation this evening than at any time since the commencement of the strike. The employees of the Belt Line, upon which nearly every road centering in Chicago depends for an interchange of freight are staunch allies of the Brotherhood. The Belt company has all along sought to hold a position of neutrality, but yesterday President Potter of the Eastern Illinois road, which holds a controlling interest in the Belt Line, sent word to the management of the Belt Line demanding that it transfer cars for every railroad and individual in the same manner, and that any and all employees who do not choose to perform the duty required of them be dismissed. A meeting of Belt employes was held to-day, and it was reported this evening that they had decided to stand by their guns, and see whether the company would discharge them. The Burlington road did not attempt to do any switching in the Chicago yards.

#### WHOLESALE KILLING.

##### A White Man Kills Two Negroes, and is Shot Before He Will Surrender.

LEAVENWORTH, KAN., April 1.—Three colored men attacked a white man named James King near here to-day. The leader of the gang of assassins sprang at King with a knife, when King drew a revolver and fired two shots and killed him, then shot and killed another, and fatally wounded a third. The news of the killing spread. There had been had blood for some time between some of the whites and negroes. Negroes compose a large proportion of the population in the mines. A few moments after the shooting a crowd of colored people flocked to the scene, carrying shot guns, pistols, etc. King started to run. The mob shot six shots at him. King gamely turning about and returning the fire till he was closely pressed, when he hid in a pump house. The Mayor and Sheriff put in an appearance, but could do nothing with the mob. The whole police force turned out, and finally found King, who when ordered to surrender, sprang out from his hiding place with a cocked revolver in his hand, and was shot by a policeman and captured. He was closely guarded till a squad of cavalry from Fort Leavenworth arrived, when he was taken to the fort to prevent being lynched.

#### GENERAL TERRY TO RETIRE.

##### He is a Very Sick Man—General Cook May Take His Place.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The most important new work in army matters is the announcement that Brigadier General Alfred H. Terry contemplates retirement from the army. There is no longer a reasonable doubt that he is a very sick man. The surgeons all agree that he has Bright's disease. The general himself has accepted this fact as inevitable, and says he never expects to be able to perform valuable service again. As soon as he is retired, a lively skirmish will occur for the vacant position. A large majority of army circle gossips predict that General Cook will be the man selected to take Terry's place.

#### REPORTED LYNCHING.

Trouble Feared From Indians in Montana, HELENA, MON., April 2.—Word has been received from Ashley, Montana, that on the 13th ultimo two Indians who had been arrested for murder, were taken from their guard by fifty citizens, and lynched. They were charged with assisting in the murder of three prospectors, on Wall creek last June. Trouble is now feared from the Indians on account of the lynching, and residents of the surrounding country are much excited.

#### All Kansas City Men Revolt.

KANSAS CITY, April 1.—Switch engineers and firemen on all roads entering this city except the Burlington road, held a meeting late last night, and after twelve o'clock resolved to move to-day. They decided, however, to refuse to handle any Burlington cars carrying freight except live stock and perishable freight, which had been started on its journey previous to that hour.

#### St. Paul Switchmen Obstinately.

MILWAUKEE, April 1.—Switchmen of the St. Paul company to-day notified that company that they would handle no more "Q" freight, and will quit work to-morrow at 11 o'clock if asked to do so.

#### K. C. St. J., and C. B. Brokers Obstinately.

ST. JOSEPH, MO., April 1. All freight broken on the Kansas City, St. Joseph and Council Bluffs railroad struck to-day. They assign as a reason that their lives are in danger working with such engineers as are now employed.

#### Wife Murderer and Suicide.

KANSAS CITY, April 1.—As a result of a

domestic quarrel Worth Silzer shot his wife, and then himself. Both will die.

#### W. W. Phelps' Residence Burned.

JERSEY CITY, April 1.—The residence of William Walter Phelps, two miles from Englewood, burned to-night, caused by an explosion of gas in the art gallery. The loss is very heavy. Phelps is in New York.

#### Pearl Page to be Pardoned.

PORTLAND, April 2.—Pearl Page who was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary for the robbery of Dickenson, will be pardoned. The governor so stated yesterday. Harding gets five years.

#### The Wheat Market.

PORTLAND, April 2.—Chicago reports wheat a fraction better. The change is not sufficient to effect the market here.

#### CONGRESS.

##### Capital and Congressional Notes of Interest to Northwestern Readers—Land Decisions by Secretary Vilas.

In the Senate to-day, Stanford reported a resolution directing the Secretary of the Treasury to furnish a statement of appropriations and expenses for public buildings since March 4, 1885; adopted.

Voorhees introduced a bill for the issue of specie certificates, returnable half in gold coin and half in silver bullion.

The resolution offered by Mitchell last Thursday, directing an inquiry into the validity of the act of the Legislature of Washington Territory fixing the time for beginning the next session in January, 1889, was agreed to.

#### The Senate passed a number of bills, among which were:

To credit the State of Oregon with \$12,398, for ordnance and ordnance stores in connection with the Nez Perce Indian war of 1877-8.

For a celebration at the national capital in the spring of 1889 in honor of the centennial of the constitution of the United States.

Granting the use of certain land to the city of Tacoma, Washington Territory, for a public park.

Appropriating \$175,000 for a public building at Pueblo, Colorado.

The Union Pacific Railroad bill was discussed in the House.

Anderson of Iowa said that the career of the Pacific railroads had been criminal, and that they had robbed the treasury of hundreds of millions of dollars.

In reference to the Union Pacific, he declared that so far from being under a new management, the direction of the road to-day was in the hands of and controlled by the old Credit Mobilier gang.

Dolzell of Pennsylvania denied this.

Several private land measures were passed, and the House went into committee of the whole upon the bill to establish a United States land court, and to provide for judicial settlement of private land claims in Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado.

McCreery, of Kentucky, Joseph, of New Mexico, and Symes, of Colorado, favored the measure, and Smith, of Arizona, and Papsion, of Illinois, opposed it.

#### LAND DECISIONS.

Secretary Vilas rejected the pre-emption proof submitted by Matilda Barrow and held for cancellation her filing for certain land in the Olympia, Washington territory land district, upon the ground that she had not acted in good faith, and had not complied with the requirements of the law in regard to residence.

Secretary Vilas has denied the application of Stephen L. Moor et al. for certain lands in the La Grande district of Oregon, eliminated from their respective homesteads and pre-emption entries, on which patents have issued for lands included therein.

Secretary Vilas has modified the decision of the commissioner of the general land office in the case of N. Hendricks to certain land in the La Grande, Oregon, land district, so as to permit him, during the life-time of his entry, to prove satisfactory compliance with the requirements of the law as to residency.

Secretary Vilas has held for cancellation the pre-emption filing of Edith V. Wilson on certain land in the Olympia, Washington Territory, land district, on the ground that her filing was illegal, not having been preceded by settlement, and also on the ground of non-compliance with the law as to dependence.

#### TIMELY TALK.

##### Observations, Political and Otherwise—The Small Influence of "Campaign" Sheets—The "Conundrum's" Silly Efforts.

To the Editor of the East Oregonian:

It dawned upon me all at once that perhaps I might secure honor and notoriety for myself by using the EAST OREGONIAN as a medium through which to express my classical and elegant ideas, in order that they might circulate freely among an eager people. And, strange to say, I shall express no morbid fear of the waste-basket; for after floundering through a few paragraphs of the "Science of Correspondences," from Brother "Yerad's" soulful pen, I have come to the conclusion that the EAST OREGONIAN will publish anything, even though it should come from a candidate for a lunatic asylum, (which, however, I do not profess to be) and I therefore submit the following, with few forebodings:

I will not start off with enthusiastic and flattering compliments on the "neat appearance, good moral tone," etc., of your new venture—the daily. The fact is I am interested in the youngster, and I don't want its head to grow too awfully large to prevent its hat from fitting. It must reflect that despite its prodigious baby growth, it is not yet a giant, and that the world might possibly receive without it. Of course it is a credit to the town and to its publishers, and all that;

but, nevertheless, it must not grow too conceited because of the fulsome praise and flattery continually showered upon it by contemporaries.

It is rather amusing to note the bickerings and contests carried on by would-be influential journals and politicians, incident to the approaching Presidential campaign. It also might truthfully be called a disgusting spectacle. Here is a big Democratic daily disclaiming on the virtues of the present Administration, and the honesty and unimpeachable integrity of our Nation's head—while the Republican leaders are covered from head to foot with filthy slime from the spatterings of the missile thrown by this same patriotic sheet into the political pool. On the one side it can see, or will see, nothing but the brightest good, and a glorious future for the country; on the other side it passes in review the most demoralizing, degrading political trickery, which it claims has only for its object the blighting of the country's prosperity in the interests of monopoly. Nor are the Republican papers backward in flinging mud, but are probably even more virile; for they do not hesitate to associate the name of the President of the United States—the dignity of whose position should at least command respect—with all that is politically vile. And right here let me say that this in a measure explains the lack of influence, proportionate to their circulation and prominence, possessed by these self-styled "molders of public opinion." The average American citizen and voter is not such a gullible logheader as these journals and politicians imagine. He has seen his country grow and prosper under the leadership of either party, and his patriotic heart swells with pride as he reflects that the small question of which party is in power can neither retard nor increase its sure development. Knowing this, it is but natural that he should look with contemptuous indifference on the ranting of journalistic demagogues. And this is not only true of the larger journals, but also of their smaller country brethren. They have not one-tenth the influence they are supposed to possess in controlling the sentiments, thoughts, and ballots of voters. They might simply be placed on a footing with individuals, with the same freedom to express their views and opinions, but also with the same understanding that others besides themselves have minds and beliefs, which can only be influenced by good, sound facts and arguments.

Apropos of the foregoing about the coming Presidential contest, it is apparent that it has its exact counterpart, on a much smaller scale, in the boiling of Umatilla county's political pot in this, the Far West. It is very, very amusing to notice the difference of opinion between Pendleton's two daily "molders," about the Democratic county convention and its nominations. The EAST OREGONIAN says, and most probably with perfect truthfulness, that the ticket put in the field is strong and satisfactory, and that the convention was uninfluenced in the least by rings, cliques or combinations of any kind. The Daily "Conundrum," being Republican, of course has different ideas and convictions, and bemoans with crocodile tears the corruption manifest in every action of the convention. It deplores in hypocritical sorrow the fact (?) that the "court-house clique" was the lever that moved with one accord the Democratic delegates, and refers in an insinuating way to a vague and shadowy machine "boss," who rewarded or lilted his followers as he saw fit. It feelingly laments the "slaughter" of the innocent John A., whom it regards as the "best man" in the Democratic party for the position of Representative, and claims that he fell a martyr's sacrifice to the cruel mandate of the "boss," who was of course advancing his own and the "rings'" selfish interests. How wondrously pitiful is this sad story! But the "Little Conundrum" cannot deceive the voters of old Umatilla, in its efforts to effect a breach in the Democratic ranks, through which the Republicans may rush and achieve a victory. The result of its puny attempts will be brought home to it in a forcible and surprising way during the coming June election.

The EAST OREGONIAN has a happy way of expressing itself. Its comments on the good and bad points (principally good, of course) of the Democratic ticket, were very interesting and free from prejudice. I have only time to refer to one, which I regard as a triumphal combination of brevity and wit: After praising the present management of the sheriff's office, and commending the integrity and ability of "Honest John," it said he had only one fault—that "he sometimes talked too much, when silence would be far more dignified and preferable." The nimble pen of "Mud Creek" could not write a better biography of John M. Bentley in a volume. It is to be hoped he will take the hint, and when his tongue attempts to run away with his vocabulary and his reason, bridle it with thoughts of that old and reliable truism, "Silence is golden." CRIMBEY.

#### This is the Truth.

From the Portland Telegram (Rep.)

It is a shame to the government if any soldier who fought for its preservation is left to a destitute age or a destitute condition, on account of disability incurred in the service. It is a shame to the individual soldier, who, being amply able to live without public assistance, draws a monthly stipend from the government. Pensions are all right for the needy who are otherwise entitled to them. They are all wrong for those who do not need them, but claim them merely upon the ground of service, such as every patriot owes to his country in time of peril.

### A PLAIN LETTER.

A Portland Democrat Expresses his Opinion Upon a Matter of Importance to the Democratic Convention.

The following letter appeared in yesterday's Oregonian:

PORTLAND, March 31.

To the Editor of the Oregonian.

The Salem Vidette has the following: It may be well at this time to caution the Multnomah delegation to the State Democratic convention, and to suggest to the convention that it will be folly to nominate any one from Multnomah county who has a well-defined suspicion over him of always selling out the Democratic party to the Republicans, or who has been guilty of knitting the party to serve personal ends. A stop might as well be put to this sort of treachery first as last.

The delegates from the valley counties must understand that the Multnomah delegation is not in the hands of any one that makes it a business to sell out the Democratic party.

The Democratic party in Multnomah county has been cursed long enough by that class of self-seeking politicians, and it is not going to Pendleton in the interest of any such one, but it is going there to fight that element in the party, and to help nominate a strong, clean, acceptable ticket for the whole State. Multnomah county Democrats are not surprised that the Vidette misunderstands the position of the Multnomah delegation.

The rumor has been industriously circulated through the length and breadth of the State, that the aspirant for the congressional nomination from Multnomah county is the strongest man to put up against the Republican candidate, presumably because he can trade off in return the Democratic county ticket with his bosom friend, the chairman of the Republican State committee. It is hardly necessary to say that the Multnomah county delegates to Pendleton are not going to be a party to this thing. The fear is that the valley delegates may be misled by the false impression created there by absurd rumors of the strength of the Multnomah aspirant for congressional nomination at Pendleton next Tuesday, and lest they be so deceived it is most opportune now to caution them that they must not by their votes or assistance help to impose such a man on the party. Let them rest assured that the Multnomah delegation is going to Pendleton intent on putting up a ticket that will not only satisfy the rest of the State, but will be also strong enough to carry the State without a dicker or trade. A DEMOCRAT.

### Alive With Seals.

From the Portland Oregonian.

The Cowlitz river for several miles from its mouth is alive with seals which followed up the vast shoals of snelt. There are also large flocks of sea gulls which came along to feed on the same delicious little fish. The seals are now accompanied by their young, tiny little fellows, who are hardly big enough to swallow a snelt. The seals can be seen by hundreds swimming about in search of prey, going down when a boat comes along, and bobbing up serenely when it has passed. The snelt have all passed far up the river, away beyond the reach of seals or fishermen, and having completed the object of their pilgrimage, are dying and floating down the stream in myriads. It is quite generally supposed that they all dig after spawning, and many imagine the same thing in regard to salmon. This has been a disputed question, and appears to be no nearer a solution than it ever was. It is not claimed by any one that trout all die after spawning, nor is it remembered that this is claimed of any other fish except salmon and snelt, so it is hardly probable that this is true.

The New York Commercial bulletin says with reference to the joint lease: "The fact that the Union Pacific, through the Oregon Short Line, has now a lease of the property does not seem to lessen their apparent unwillingness to come any way under Northern Pacific control. The gentlemen constituting the delegation now here are all from Portland, Or., and it is therefore supposed that the real animus of their objection to the ratification of the lease is that they fear that the arrangement proposed would result in undue advantage to the city of Tacoma."

China advices received by steamer Rio de Janeiro state that the British steamer Swatow was wrecked February 22d, off Naomia Island, between Swatow and Shanghai. The vessel struck on rocks and sank. The captain and a number of the crew and passengers saved themselves by clinging to the rigging, but thirty-one persons put off from the wreck in a small boat, and all are supposed to be lost.

A number of fires occurred in Hungary during the prevalence of the gale. At Kikinda 1500 persons were rendered shelterless and are camping out in the snow. Thirty-eight houses were burned and many lives lost at Mezo-Bereeny.

The will of the late Kate McLaughlin of San Francisco, disposes of an estate valued at about \$4,000,000 which is left to a niece, Kate May Dillon, aged eleven and Mary Vives, aged twenty-one.

The Philadelphia Telegraph says the Col. E. B. C. Cash, of South Carolina "has gone to his account." "Yes, he's gone to his Cash account, as it were."

Hopkins, late cashier of the Cincinnati Fidelity Bank, has been sentenced to imprisonment for seven years.